To check indiscriminate felling of trees, the Central Government has also prescribed the upper ceiling on number of trees that can be felled to facilitate execution of the public welfare work. Maximum number of trees that can be removed in respected of each project should not exceed fifty per hectare.lt has also been stipulated that corresponding permissible limit of maximum number of trees to be felled for the forest area diverted, shall be in proportion to the extent of the diverted area. Further, to mitigate the ill-effects of such felling, it has also been made mandatory for the user agency to plant and maintain two times the number of trees felled on the diverted land at the project cost in consultation with the State Forest Department.

**Proposal regarding construction works from Uttaranchal**

†1899. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of proposals received for approval during the last two years regarding construction works from Uttaranchal;

(b) whether all these proposals have been approved;

(c) if so, the details of these proposals; and

(d) the details of the proposals approved, so far, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No proposals has been received from Uttaranchal for grant of prior environment clearance for construction works. However, 305 proposals have been received between 1.4.2003 and 11.3.2005 for forestry clearances under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

(b) No, Sir. Out of 305 proposals received for forestry clearances, only 192 proposals have been finally approved. 54 proposals have been accorded first stage approval.

(c) Category-wise break-up of the proposals received for forestry clearances is given below:—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Drinking Water Supply Scheme (DWSS) | - | 36 |
| 2. | Hydel | - | 08 |
| 3. | Irrigation | - | 06 |
| 4. | Mining | - | 01 |
| 5. | Road | - | 145 |
| 6. | Thermal Power | - | 01 |
| 7. | Transmission | - | 05 |
| 8. | Others | | 103 |
| | TOTAL | | 305 |

(d) The District-wise break-up of the proposals received for forestry clearances and approved is given below:

| SI. No. | Name of Districts | No. of proposals |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Almora | 17 |
| 2. | Bageshwar | 09 |
| 3. | Chamoli | 36 |
| 4. | Champvat | 09 |
| 5. | Dehradun | 16 |
| 6. | Haridwar | 03 |
| 7. | Nainital | 28 |
| 8. | Pauri | 11 |
| 9. | Pithoragarh | 08 |
| 10. | Rudra Prayag | 07 |
| 11. | Tehri | 28 |
| 12. | Udham Singh Nagar | 03 |
| 13. | Uttarkashi | 17 |
| | TOTAL | 192 |